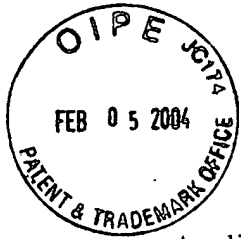


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-305148, published on November 5, 1999,  
together with an English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 6,602,186 to SUGIMOTO et al., which issued on August 5, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,482,150 to UTSUI, which issued on November 19, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,477,403 to EGUCHI et al., which issued on November 5, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

A copy of the Japanese patent document is attached and all of the documents have been listed on  
a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to  
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the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

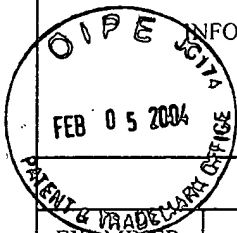
Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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